

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

0119 C.A. NO. 04-10001

MICHAEL B. HANDRIGAN,
Plaintiff,

v.

TRAVIS & NATALIE, INC.,
Owner of F/V TRAVIS & NATALIE,
Defendants.

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COMPLAINT

MAGISTRATE JUDGE MOH

RECEIPT #
AMOUNT \$ 0.00
SUMMONS ISSUED yes
LOCAL RULE 4.1
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DATE 11/24/04

THE PARTIES

1. The plaintiff, Michael B. Handrigan, is an individual who resides in Narragansett, Rhode Island and at all times hereinafter referred to, was a commercial fisherman, serving as a member of the crew of the F/V TRAVIS & NATALIE.

2. The defendant, Travis & Natalie, Inc., owner of F/V TRAVIS & NATALIE, a duly organized corporation existing under the laws of the State of Rhode Island, and doing business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and at all times hereinafter referred to, owned, operated and controlled the F/V TRAVIS & NATALIE and employed the plaintiff, Michael Handrigan.

JURISDICTION

This is a case of maritime jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1333(1).

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

3. On or about May 4, 2004, the plaintiff was in the employ of the defendant as a seaman and member of the crew of the F/V TRAVIS & NATALIE. While

the F/V TRAVIS & NATALIE was in navigable waters and while the plaintiff was in the exercise of due care and in the performance of his duties, he sustained severe and painful personal injuries.

COUNT I
(Jones Act)

4. Paragraphs 1-3 are realleged and incorporated herein.

5. The injuries sustained by the plaintiff were not caused by any fault on his part, but were caused by the fault of the defendant, its agents, or servants, as follows:

- a) Failure to use due care to provide and maintain a seaworthy vessel with safe and proper appliances;
- b) Failure to use due care to make reasonable and periodic inspection of said vessel, its equipment and appliances;
- c) Failure to use due care to furnish the plaintiff with a reasonably safe place in which to perform his work;
- d) Failure and negligence of fellow employees;
- e) Failure and negligence in other respects that will be shown at the trial.

6. As a result of the said injuries, the plaintiff has suffered great pain of body and anguish of mind, lost a great deal of time from his usual work, incurred medical and hospital expenses, and has suffered and will suffer other damages as will be shown at the trial.

7. This cause of action is brought under the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, commonly called the Jones Act.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

1. Under Count I, that this court enters judgment in favor of the plaintiff against the defendant.

2. For such other relief as this court deems appropriate.

COUNT II
General Maritime Law
(Unseaworthiness)

8. Paragraphs 1-7 are realleged and incorporated herein.

9. The injuries sustained by the plaintiff were due to no fault of his, but were caused by the unseaworthiness of the defendant's vessel, its appliances, appurtenances, and/or equipment.

10. As a result of the said injuries, plaintiff has suffered great pain of body and anguish of mind, lost a great deal of time from his usual work, incurred medical and hospital expenses, and has suffered and will continue to suffer other damages as will be shown at trial.

11. This cause of action is brought under the General Maritime Law based upon unseaworthiness and is for the same cause of action as Count I.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

1. Under Count II, that this court enter judgment in favor of the plaintiff against the defendant.

2. For such other relief as this court deems appropriate.

COUNT III
(Maintenance and Cure)

12. Paragraphs 1-11 are realleged and incorporated herein.

13. As a result of his injuries, the plaintiff incurred expenses for his maintenance and cure and will continue to do so all to his damage.


REQUEST FOR RELIEF

1. Under Count III, that this court enter judgment in favor of the plaintiff against the defendant.

2. For such other relief as this court deems appropriate.

PLAINTIFF DEMANDS TRIAL BY JURY ON ALL COUNTS.

Respectfully submitted
by his attorney,


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Dated: 11/22/04

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

1. TITLE OF CASE (NAME OF FIRST PARTY ON EACH SIDE ONLY) MICHAEL B. HANDRIGAN v. TRAVIS & NATALIE, INC., owner of F/V TRAVIS & NATALIE
2. CATEGORY IN WHICH THE CASE BELONGS BASED UPON THE NUMBERED NATURE OF SUIT CODE LISTED ON THE CIVIL COVER SHEET. (SEE LOCAL RULE 40.1(A)(1)).
- I. 160, 410, 470. R.23, REGARDLESS OF NATURE OF SUIT.
- II. 195, 368, 400, 440, 441-444, 540, 550, 555, 625, 710, 720, 730, 740, 790, 791, 820*, 830*, 840*, 850, 890, 892-894, 895, 950. Also complete AO 120 or AO 121 for patent, trademark or copyright cases
- X III. 110, 120, 130, 140, 151, 190, 210, 230, 240, 245, 290, 310, 315, 320, 330, 340, 345, 350, 355, 360, 362, 365, 370, 371, 380, 385, 450, 891.
- IV. 220, 422, 423, 430, 460, 510, 530, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 690, 810, 861-865, 870, 871, 875, 900.
- V. 150, 152, 153.
3. TITLE AND NUMBER, IF ANY, OF RELATED CASES. (SEE LOCAL RULE 40.1(G)). IF MORE THAN ONE PRIOR RELATED CASE HAS BEEN FILED IN THIS DISTRICT PLEASE INDICATE THE TITLE AND NUMBER OF THE FIRST FILED CASE IN THIS COURT.
4. HAS A PRIOR ACTION BETWEEN THE SAME PARTIES AND BASED ON THE SAME CLAIM EVER BEEN FILED IN THIS COURT?
- YES ☐ NO ☒
5. DOES THE COMPLAINT IN THIS CASE QUESTION THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF AN ACT OF CONGRESS AFFECTING THE PUBLIC INTEREST? (SEE 28 USC §2403)
- YES ☐ NO ☒
- IF SO, IS THE U.S.A. OR AN OFFICER, AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF THE U.S. A PARTY?
- YES ☐ NO ☒
6. IS THIS CASE REQUIRED TO BE HEARD AND DETERMINED BY A DISTRICT COURT OF THREE JUDGES PURSUANT TO TITLE 28 USC §2284?
- YES ☐ NO ☒
7. DO ALL OF THE PARTIES IN THIS ACTION, EXCLUDING GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ("GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES"), RESIDING IN MASSACHUSETTS RESIDE IN THE SAME DIVISION? - (SEE LOCAL RULE 40.1(D)).
- YES ☐ NO ☒
- A. IF YES, IN WHICH DIVISION DO ALL OF THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL PARTIES RESIDE?
- EASTERN DIVISION ☐ CENTRAL DIVISION ☐ WESTERN DIVISION ☐
- B. IF NO, IN WHICH DIVISION DO THE MAJORITY OF THE PLAINTIFFS OR THE ONLY PARTIES, EXCLUDING GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, RESIDING IN MASSACHUSETTS RESIDE?
- EASTERN DIVISION ☒ CENTRAL DIVISION ☐ WESTERN DIVISION ☐

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

MICHAEL B. HANDRIGAN

(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF _____
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)

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DEFENDANTS

TRAVIS & NATALIE, INC., owner of
F/V TRAVIS & NATALIE

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT _____
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE
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ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION

(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES

(For Diversity Cases Only)

(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT)

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| Citizen of This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES	
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury — Med. Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury — Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws <input type="checkbox"/> 640 R.R. & Truck <input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs. <input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety/Health <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS — Third Party 28 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc. <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions

V. ORIGIN

(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☒ Original Proceeding
☐ 2 Removed from State Court
☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify) _____
☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation
☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

(CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE.
DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY)

Maritime personal injury jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1333 (1)

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION
☐ UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☒ YES ☐ NO**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

JUDGE None

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

November 22, 2004

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

David B. Kaplan

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